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Women demand patrols, lights at interchange

by Kristen Hutchinson
and Susan Vivian

Demonstrators expressed anger and frustration at police inaction and media silence over a series of sexual assaults in the McGill ghetto.

"We won't be silenced by your violence!" chanted over 200 women and several male supporters at the Pine-Park interchange Monday.

Six cases of sexual assault have been reported at the interchange over the last three weeks.

Demonstration organizers said the march was a symbolic gesture aiming to bring out women's anger over the assaults.

"I don't want to wait for a rape to happen before we're taken seriously," said McGill Walk Safe Network member Kelly Gallagher-Mackay. "These assaults have to be stopped. We need to see the connections between different types of assault."

The Walk Safe Network has called for police foot patrols and better lighting in the interchange to improve women's safety. They want the eventual demolition of the interchange and of its isolated and poorly lit pedestrian passages.

Demonstrators said women must protest the assaults in order to raise awareness of the interchange's poor security.

"Demonstration acts as a step to make people realize that violence is a serious reality in women's lives," said Women's Union member Colleen Wiegers.

But some participants said women can do more than just protest sexual assault.

"We need as women to arm our ourselves and take the law into our own hands because the police obviously don't care about sexual assault," said a McGill student who wished to remain anonymous.

"Demonstrations are not sufficient," she said.

Montréal Citizens' Movement (MCM) member and city councillor Michael Prescott said he is lobbying for the destruction of the interchange.

"The intersection is a monster because it acts as a barrier to the mountain," said Prescott. "Secondly, it's a monster in terms of security. But city hall is hesitant to

include it in the work projects to enhance the mountain."

Prescott said the issue of women's security was not likely to motivate the city to destroy the interchange.

But Gallagher-Mackay extended city hall's low priority on women's security at the interchange to all the city's dealings.

"The city of Montréal definitely has other priorities other than women's safety."

Two police cars followed the demonstrators as they walked through the McGill ghetto and through the interchange's passages.

"It's ironic police are threatened

by us; they certainly weren't there when women were threatened," said McGill student Catrine Morris. "After the first attack, police should have been there."

The assaults have all taken place between 16h00 and 17h30 in the underpasses of the Pine-Parc interchange.

Two of the four women described their assailant as approximately five-feet ten-inches tall, with a dark complexion and black hair, possibly of East Indian origin.

The Walk Safe Network is warning women not to walk through this area unaccompanied.



Two hundred women marched at Pine and Park against six sexual assaults reported there.

Montréal tribunal investigates Gulf war Bush charged with war crimes

by Michael Kaiser

A group of Montréalers is charging George Bush and other top U.S. officials with crimes against humanity for their actions during the war against Iraq.

The coalition of Montréal groups and activists is staging a public forum to prosecute the charges on November 15 and 16.

The forum will operate under the auspices of the International Commission of Inquiry for the International War Crimes Tribunal, which is holding similar forums in Brussels, Hamilton, Algeria, Australia and New York City.

Commission member and Montréal criminal lawyer John Philpot said the tribunal will investigate the U.S.-led war on Iraq.

McGill Religious Studies professor George Baum will preside over the tribunal, along with other Montréal notables.

Former U.S. attorney-general Ramsey Clark, who is advising the international commission, drew up an "initial complaints" list which the tribunals will investigate.

The document charges president George Bush, vice-president Dan Quayle, secretary of state James Baker and a number of lower-ranking officials with "Crimes against Peace, War Crimes, Crimes Against Humanity and Other Criminal Acts, and High Violation of the Charter of the United Nations and the Constitution of the United States."

Clark outlined a total of nineteen charges. He said the charges "are based on the direct and circumstantial evidence from public and private documents, official statements and admissions, eyewitness accounts, photographs, video tapes, expert analyses, published reports and accounts gathered between December 1989

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Woman assaulted on campus Saturday

by Peter Clibbon

A woman was sexually assaulted late Saturday night near the Milton gates.

Accompanied by another woman, she fled to the Union Building, where she gave a description of her assailant to campus security.

"It was gross. I was just screaming. What if someone had been walking alone," said the woman, who wished to remain anonymous.

The man passed them, turned around, and followed the two women through the McGill Ghetto. The man responded in French after one of the women asked him if he needed directions.

The man grabbed her from behind soon after. She hit him and

he backed off. When he approached her again, she screamed and the two women fled towards the Union Building.

She described the man as approximately five-feet eight-inches tall, with a stocky build. He had short hair with long bangs. The women said the man only spoke French to her.

Police have not been informed. The woman said campus security was given a full description.

But a member of campus security would not comment on the assault.

He said no extra security precautions had been implemented on campus since the assault.

Security officers were not given a description of the assailant, he said.



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COUNCIL BRIEFS

Blue Collar Workers turn up heat

Upset with the slow pace of negotiations, 2000 Montréal blue collar workers stormed city hall Monday night, delaying City Council by 20 minutes. City workers rushed past security guards and occupied the public galleries and antechamber of city hall.

"It's a pacific demonstration to show the city that no security system will stop the determination of blue collar workers," said Jean LaPierre, leader of Local 301 of the Canadian Union of Public Employees.

LaPierre said the union's demands for a 35-hour work week over four days are still under negotiation with the city.

"We met with Lea Cousineau (member of the powerful council Executive Committee) last week to discuss our demands. For 36 years we've been at 40 hours a week, and technology and attitudes have changed over the years," said LaPierre.

But city spokesperson Daniel Duciere said the union's meeting with Cousineau was unproductive.

"She refused to discuss the union's demands. All negotiations should be made with the city's negotiators," said Duciere.

But negotiations between city and union negotiators have been in a deadlock since this summer, when the city made its final offer of a 37.5-hour, five-day work week.

The union vowed to continue its rotating strikes. Blue collar workers walked off the job Monday. They are scheduled to return to work today.

Park Unsafe

Complaining of an unsafe and unkept park, residents of an east-end neighbourhood have prompted the city to action. City spokesperson Lily Robert said the city would do everything in its power to "respond

to citizens' demands" articulated in a petition presented to city hall Monday night.

Citizens complained of lack of security in the park, blaming the overgrowth of shrubbery and the influx of drug dealers.

But Robert said the city is limited in what it can do.

"Police protection is not our responsibility. But the city can work on the park's infrastructure to make it more safe."

UQAM gets go-ahead

City Council changed downtown zoning regulations Monday allowing Université de Québec à Montréal (UQAM) to build new residences and a scientific complex in the downtown area.

The new complex would be built on a semi-vacant lot located behind Place des Arts between Jeanne Mance and Avenue du Parc. Some 200 residences will also be built for UQAM students; a theatre for a children's theatre group will be incorporated into the complex.

According to the construction proposal, two historic buildings on the lot will remain intact.

Gassy vehicles

The city has decided not to switch its vehicle fleet over to natural gas. Instead, it will switch vehicles over on an individual basis.

"We can't convert them all at once. It would be too expensive," said city spokesperson Lily Robert.

A city study released last spring recommended the city switch its cars and trucks over to a methanol-diesel mix fuel. The study said the city would recoup its investment over a short period, while introducing gas distribution centres to Montréal citizens and reducing exhaust.

War crimes tribunal...

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and May 1991."

Witnesses at the Montréal tribunal will present information about the charges, and the New York-based Commission will weigh the evidence from the hearings. Ultimately, the Commission will make recommendations to the United Nations.

The Commissions of inquiry started hearings internationally in New York City last May, and the hope is to create public awareness about U.S. activities in the war.

Members of the Montréal coalition estimated that 170 000 people

died during the war, and that another 500 000 were injured.

Witnesses include René Dumont, an agriculture expert who recently returned from Iraq; Nicole Boudreau, former vice-president of the Société Saint Jean-Baptiste; Zuhair Kashmeri, senior editor at Toronto's *Now* weekly; Charlotte Paguet, who recently returned from Iraq; and Atif Kaboursi, Economics professor at McMaster university and former member of the U.N. Council on Refugees.

The Montréal group may also invite representatives from Cuba or Yemen, the only two countries with

seats on the U.N. Security Council to vote against the war.

One coalition member said the tribunal is important because the war on Iraq was another "attack on a Third World country, this time for oil interests."

Coalition members also want to spread awareness of other U.S. military interventions around the world — the invasion of Panama in 1989, the 1986 bomber raid on Libya and Ronald Reagan's invasion of Grenada.

The first inquiry will begin the evening of November 15 at Pavillon Hubert-Aquin.

The Daily invites one and all to a layout seminar this Thursday, at 15h30, in Union B-03.

Anyone with an interest in news writing should attend a writing workshop given by *Gazette* columnist and former Dailyite Albert Nerenberg, this Monday at 15h00, in Union B-03.

Got that warm feeling when you contemplate science? Come talk to our newest editor, Eric Smiley. Anytime. Anyplace. But especially in Union B-03, the place science writers and science editors meet as one.

EVENTS

Afrocentric trivia game and weekly meeting of the Black Students Network in Union 401. Call 398-6815 for more info.

Environmentalism: Red or Green? Socialism and the Environment, lecture organized by the International Socialists. Union 425/426 at 19h30. Call 528-5586 for more info.

Is there a solution to the Northern Ireland Problem? A lecture by Prof. Paul Bew from Queen's University, Belfast presented by McGill Irish Studies. Arts Council Room, 160 at 20h00.

Lesbian and lesbian-positive women are invited to the weekly Unlearning Racism meetings featuring films, discus-

sions and readings. 20h00 at the Concordia Women's Centre, 2020 MacKay, downstairs. Call 848-7431 for more info.

Gathering for Christian & Feminist women every week at 15h00-17h00. Concordia Campus Ministry, 2090 MacKay. Call 848-3593 or 848-3585.

The International Relations Society will meet for info., discussion & donuts at 18h30 in Leacock 232. All welcome.

Racism and the Law: Montreal's Black Community Responds. Dan Phillip President of the Black Coalition of Quebec and Kiven Tunting Director of the Legal Clinic of the Black Community Council of Quebec will speak at 12h00 (Noon), 3644 Peel St., rm. 201.

Conflict of interest plagues city dump contract

by Eric Smiley

City plans to deal with toxic gas emissions at the Miron quarry garbage dump have raised concerns about a potential conflict of interest.

The subcontractor hired to analyze the dump's gas emissions belongs to a consortium of companies which has also bid to install the gas collection and electric generating facilities at the dump.

"It doesn't look good that the company preparing the report on the gas emitted by the site is also the company that will be required to burn the gas," said Marvin Rotrand, a member of the municipal opposition party Democratic Coalition of Montréal (CDM).

The costs of building the gas collection and electrical generating facilities could vary significantly depending on the analysis of the dump's emissions. A conventional gas turbine generator could only be used if the toxicity reports are low, otherwise a more expensive system must be used.

"It is in the interest of the companies to keep costs down," said CDM leader Sam Boskey, to explain the potential for conflict of interest.



Garbage continues to stink up city politics.

Sacré Coeur hospital and École Polytechnique were contracted to analyze the gases by the city. But École Polytechnique subcontracted to a more experienced firm, Biothermica.

Three companies have made bids to build the \$33 million generator. City executive member Richard Brunelle recommended Gazmont for the contract. But worries about a potential conflict of interest arose

after it was discovered that Gazmont is a consortium that includes Biothermica.

The CDM supports the gas generator project, Rotrand said. The CDM believes the public will have

less faith in the objectivity of the research if there is an apparent conflict of interest.

"We are not saying these companies are dishonest," said Rotrand. "It is important that the facts be objective."

"We don't know if there is industrial or commercial waste in the dump." Until 1988, when the city took over the dump there was no way of knowing what went into the dump.

The gas is composed mostly of methane and carbon dioxide but it contains about 1 per cent trace elements and volatile organic gases. The composition of the trace elements will determine the expense of the burning facility. If certain elements are present higher temperatures or special processes will be needed.

The CDM has presented a ten point proposal to Brunelle, outlining a program of action on the Miron quarry.

"It's not a question where waving your wand and passing a bylaw will solve all your problems," said Boskey.

The CDM doesn't think the city is dealing with the quarry responsibly. "If they do these ten things, they will be showing they are being responsible," said Boskey.

Bargaining resumes but Caisse pop strike continues

by Ita Kendall

Striking workers and the management of La Caisse Populaire de Brossard will meet today for the first time in over five months. Salary levels have been the central issue in the 16-month strike.

Josée Fournier, president of the Syndicat des Caisse Populaires de Brossard, said she is not optimistic that the dispute will end soon.

"My confidence in the management of the caisse has been destroyed," said Fournier. "We've changed our position several times but they have barely moved at all."

"After a year and five months it's not easy to come to the table," said Jacques Dignard, a negotiator for the caisse management team. "Both sides have developed different positions and they don't necessarily come together easily."

But Fournier said management may not want to settle the strike.

"If they give us what we want," she said, "They will have to give the same benefits to all other caisse populaire workers."

Several caisse populaire unions signed contracts with trailer clauses

instead of going on strike with bank workers in Brossard. A trailer clause guarantees benefits won by striking workers to workers who don't go on strike.

Workers at the striking Brossard caisse said it can take up to 12 years to attain the highest salary in a po-

position.

"They have four job classifications for a clerk," she said. "I started as a B1 level clerk and went all the way up to senior clerk, which is a B4."

"It has taken me 15 years and I am locked into my position with no possibility for advancement."

The striking workers, 62 women and two men, say they are also fighting for job equity.

Dignard said equity is not an issue.

"Whether you are a man or a woman, we evaluate everyone the same way and you earn the same salary for the same job," he said. Fifty per cent of management jobs are held by women, he added.

Fournier disagreed. Men don't get stuck in the "pink collar" ghetto, she said.

Women make up the majority of workers at the caisse, but only five per cent of upper management. Only 33 per cent of lower management jobs have gone to women, Fournier added.

Dignard said he is more concerned about \$30 million in revenues lost by the bank since the strike began in June 1990.



STARVATION IS GOD'S WAY OF PUNISHING THOSE WHO HAVE LITTLE OR NO FAITH IN CAPITALISM...

sition. They want that time period reduced.

Dignard said the strikers' claims are untrue. "We judge an employee on their seniority," he said. "Every four years employees are re-classified and they receive a salary increase."

But Sylvie Rioux, a striking clerk at the caisse populaire, said it has taken her well over twelve years to

"Half-baked, asinine views" Maclean's article offends

by Karen Hill

OTTAWA (CUP) A widely circulated Canadian weekly has released a report evaluating the "excellence" of Canadian universities. The report has been criticized for its bias and superficiality.

The October 21 issue of Maclean's ranked 46 Canadian universities on their financial resources, their reputation, their teaching faculty and the "quality of their student body." The study was limited to arts and science undergraduate programs. It was based on information provided by the universities themselves.

The study ranked McGill first of the 46 universities. Queen's University of Kingston, Mount Allison of Sackville N.B., and the University of Toronto were ranked second, third and fourth respectively. The University College of Cape Breton (UCCB) was ranked last.

Carleton University president Robin Farquhar — whose school was ranked 44th — criticized the way the report evaluated universities with open admissions requirements.

"Carleton gets kicked in the stomach for its philosophy," he said. "Students who meet the basic admissions requirement deserve the chance to try university."

"I don't like being punished for

that and I'm sure as heck not going to change Carleton's admissions policy."

Although Maclean's ran a disclaimer saying the report doesn't provide a definitive statement on which universities are the best, Farquhar said readers couldn't help but think that way.

Jocelyn Charron, communications officer for the Canadian Federation of Students, criticized the report for its reliance on the reputation of a school as a yardstick of worth. "[Using reputation] is unfair, unfounded and not useful," said Charron.

She also said it is impossible to devise objective criteria to measure many institutions.

Some of the criteria used in the report include:

- the number of out-of-province and foreign students as a percentage of enrolment,
- the number of residence spaces compared to total enrolment,
- operating expenditures per student,
- faculty-to-student ratios,
- the reputation of the university in the eyes of other university presidents.

Federal NDP education critic Howard McCurdy also dismissed the report.

"Maclean's has been notorious for half-baked, asinine views," he said.

"This kind of junk journalism is harmful and should be ignored."

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What makes a magazine grate

Magazines and newspapers are wonderful things. Without them, we wouldn't know anything about anything. But while reading through those columns of facts, it's easy to lose sight of the overall picture. As newspaper readers, we need to remember to think about where our news comes from, as well as what it looks like.

To help a confused public, *The Daily* has organized a ranking of some of Canada's top publications. Each publication was rated on several criteria, and the results were carefully weighed, sifted and appropriately homogenized to help reduce bewildering complexity into a few simple numbers.

The criteria we used included:

- number of copies read by CEOs of major American corporations (worth 10 per cent);
- the number of liquor ads per page of copy (2 per cent of final grade);
- twelfth-grade English Lit marks of the senior editors (worth 3 per cent);
- a rating of the paper's reputation from Preston Manning's press secretary (worth 3 per cent);
- the quality of news copy (worth 0.01 per cent);
- and the similarity between physical layout of the paper with that of well-known American publications of the same genre (worth 65 per cent — whoops, no, no, don't print that).

The results placed *Maclean's* at the top Canadian publication, with a total score of 642.57 out of a possible 10 000. Other winners included *The Montréal Gazette* (bonus points for all the American columnists); the travel supplement in the *Globe and Mail*; and *Alberta Report*.

Losers included *le Journal de Montréal* (not enough baseball), and *Plain Truth* magazine (not enough liquor ads).

Maclean's and The People

But not content with a mere ranking system, *Daily* staffers went out to discover the reality of *Maclean's* in the lives of ordinary Canadians.

"Sure I read *Maclean's*," said Pat Armstrong. "It's a great way to be informed about all the things that really matter."

Armstrong, 38, is an accountant for an American branch-plant firm. We caught up with Armstrong still wiping the coffee from his moustache as he left his newly renovated condo in Old Montréal for work.

"*Maclean's* has a lot of practical importance in my life," Armstrong noted. "With free trade and all, our

plant's going to close in a few months, and I'm hoping the firm will relocate me. I've been reading *Maclean's* at office parties to show my managers I'm a bright, reliable, positive kind of guy."

Biff Geezman, a junior manager in one of Canada's chartered banks, agreed *Maclean's* is personally important to him.

"They have a lot of good articles," he said. "There was this really good article in the summer slamming all that politically correct stuff — feminism, affirmative action — you know. So, the very next week, the girls at the bank counter sent me a letter saying our promotion policy holds back women. I called them up and said, 'Hey ladies, just take a little look at this article before you start talking.'"

"That sure shut 'em up fast," he added, chuckling reflectively.

Robin LeBaronne
Peter Clibbon

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DAILY GRAPHIC CREDIT: STEPHEN SOWINSKI

As my Grandpappy used to say, "They sound like they're retalking through their hats."

The *Daily* is a constant thorn in the side of the greedheads and sexist homophobes that run student affairs. I think that's important.

P.S. STILL NO SIGN OF Pierre J. ROUGE.

Pierre La Rocque
U4 Drama

Bisexuals too

To the Daily:

What a wonderful thing to have the whole front page dedicated to all of us queers here at McGill. For the first time, not only were lesbians and gay men mentioned, but bisexuals too! I truly believe that many people are not aware of the exclusion that occurs time and time again within the gay/queer community. I am queer and I am proud, but I'm neither a gay man nor a lesbian. It's good to be recognized; far too often I fear that we are not.

Happy National Coming Out Day!
Desea Trujillo
U3 Arts

Despite clarification

To the Daily:

Despite the clarification printed in the *Daily* Culture about the supposed misinterpretation of the "letter" from David Duke, you missed the point.

This was a pitiful attempt at "mirthful satire," achieved neither of those goals and was offensive to boot.

It was an attempt to blacken William Thorsell's name, nothing more, by linking him to the erstwhile KKK spokesperson. Thorsell's argument deserved better, not guilt by association and nonsensical substitution.

Further, your readers deserve better than an attempt to blame them for "misinterpreting" this vomit. Ther, and Thorsell, deserve an apology — at least

for wasting paper.

Greg Alton
Humanistic Studies U3

Discredit this group

To the Daily:

Now that we can breathe a collective sigh of relief at the failed attempt to destabilize the moves toward democracy in the Soviet Union, the world reverts its attention to pressing issues such as the Mid-East peace process. What a shame that the media cannot learn from the anxiety we experienced during that week's upheaval.

While we watched in horror as all hopes for our new world order were suspended, three lone voices trumpeted their support for the coup: Saddam Hussein, Muammar Ghaddafi, and the PLO. An August *Gazette* editorial lamented the PLO's history of poor choices and missed opportunities for a peaceful settlement with Israel. Yet it has also referred to Jewish settlements in the territories as the "main obstacles to peace" (Aug. 22) and gives tacit credence to the PLO's purported claims of support for the peace process (Sept. 29, B1).

With the PLO's open support for the Soviet coup; of the brutal Chinese crackdown in Tiananmen Square; of the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait, can't the press get the point? That these poor choices are a function of their deliberate alignment with the forces of repression, terror and violence everywhere? If the PLO applauds the architects of the coup, of Tiananmen Square, and the kangaroo-court murders of its own people, what do they have in store for Israelis?

Is it not time, once and for all, to publicly discredit this group? And if the press can't get the point, is there no voice to call the shots on the press? It is high time for a reliable media watch group which speaks from a position of authority, to correct distortions when

they occur, a blatant example of which is the mere mention of the PLO as a generous partner in peace negotiations.

Nathan Yacowar
Chomedey

LETTERS

The exhaustive research

To the Daily:

Way to go *Daily*!! You've finally done it! I read with stupefied amazement a heading in the October 9, 1991, edition of your paper and I realized that finally you had discovered something to quiet even your most ardent critics.

Neither the pinko-socialists, nor the fascist conservatives; the Arabs nor the Israelis; the federalists nor the separatists; FEUQ nor anti-FEUQ — no one could dispute such a formidable title. "Constitution and Capitalism both start with 'C'" — fantastic!

The countless hours of exhaustive research that must have been put into such a mesmerizing revelation — you must be very proud, and well you should be! So take heart, *Daily* staff, I don't think you're wasting paper as long as you continue to inform the uneducated masses about these facts of tantamount importance!

Shaun McLean
Arts U2 (Political Science and History)

Few facts

To the Daily:

In response to Steven Barnett's editorial on Monday, October 7, Karen Rabin did an excellent job of discrediting Mr. Barnett personally; however I would simply like to clarify some of the ideas that Mr. Barnett presented with a few relative facts. Mr. Barnett stated that Israel's occupation in Southern Lebanon was purely for expansionary purposes. In fact, Israel maintains a presence in the southern-most 20 km of Lebanon in order to protect their citizens from terrorist activities like those which occurred in the late 70s and

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LETTERS

Greedheads, oi

To the Daily:

Regarding the letter of Sept. 30 by Josh Abiscott and Ngana Andrew-Mziray. How the hell do they know what constitutes the interests of McGill

students?

How do they determine what is worthwhile printing?

What methods did they use to determine how many copies of the *Daily* were printed?

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AIDS: Ethics and the bottom line

Clive Thompson
(Canadian University Press)

Pharmaceutical companies are forcing people to become guinea pigs if they want access to experimental drugs, AIDS activists say.

"People are entering [drug] trials because they see them as their only opportunity to get treatment," said Brent Patterson, a researcher with the Community AIDS Treatment Information Exchange in Toronto.

"They're not told, 'Look, these are your options for getting new treatments.' They're told instead they'll have to go into a drug trial [if they want treatment]."

Companies now pay for most clinical trials in Canada. The trials test experimental new drugs on people with AIDS or with HIV, the virus linked to AIDS.

In these tests, half the people get the new drug, and half get a placebo or an older, known drug such as AZT. The test is known as a double-blind, with neither doctor nor patient knowing who is getting what.

The companies often refuse to produce the experimental drug for anyone other than those in trials, claiming it would be too expensive.

Their concern is the bottom line, not the welfare of people with AIDS or HIV, said Patterson. "They're mixing research and treatment in a totally unethical way."

Arn Shielder, an HIV-positive Vancouver man, entered a clinical trial this spring which compared the experimental drug "ddI" with AZT, the drug currently prescribed for AIDS/HIV. New "ddI" is supposedly less toxic than AZT, which can have severe side effects, including cancer.

"I really wanted to go off AZT because it was really affecting me badly," Shielder said. "They told me the only way was to get it [ddI] through a trial."

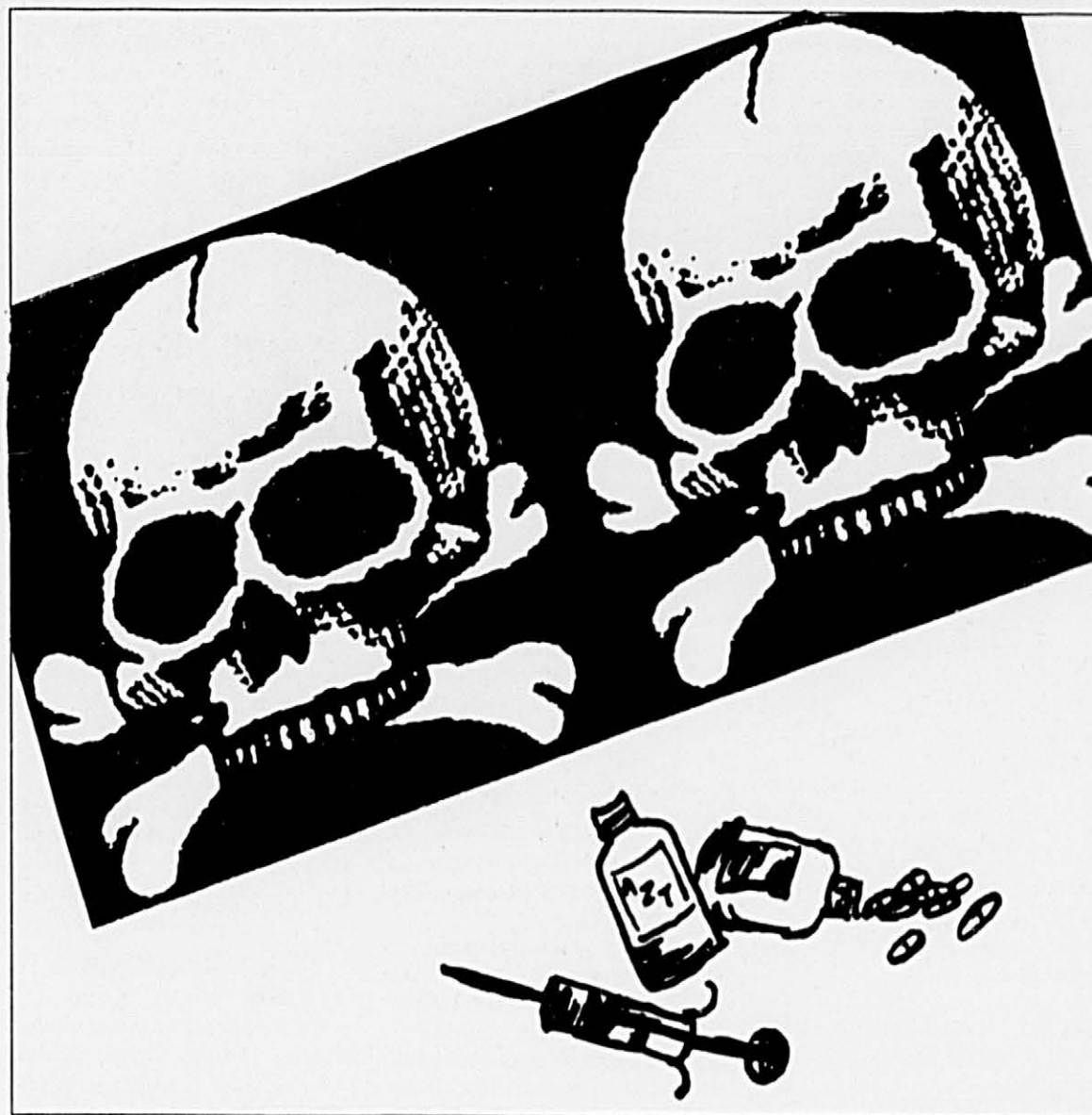
Drug trials risky

But people in dire need of treatment taking part in trials risk getting a placebo instead of the new drug. Or, as in Shielder's case, they risk getting AZT — a drug they've already tried and found ineffective.

Shielder said some people who enter trials don't realize they may not get treatment because they're given little information, particularly if they don't live in cities with support organizations.

"A lot of people went into [the trial] expecting that they would get ddI. When you're locked up in some small town, all you know is there's these drugs coming in from the city."

The trials are also usually too long, placing patients in even more danger if they're not getting an effective drug, Patterson said. The AZT/ddI trial now underway — funded by Bristol-Myers Squibb Company — lasts two years, with



half the patients on AZT and half on the experimental drug ddI.

"Two years is just too damn long, especially in AIDS research, where the focus can change in two months," Patterson said. Some patients can develop an immunity to AZT after only six months.

AIDS activists say trial research is unethical because it violates peoples' "catastrophic rights" — their right to get whatever drug they think can help them, even if it isn't fully tested and legally approved for use.

"[The trial] isn't being done for my health, it's being done for their research," Shielder said.

But companies and researchers claim it's too expensive to produce an experimental drug for general use until it's been tested and approved for sale. They claim it's only financially possible to produce small quantities for research purposes — which means drugs only for those who enter clinical trials.

"You don't start making the drug by the carload until you're pretty far down the road," said Dr. Don Zarowny, the senior scientific officer for the Canadian HIV Trials Network, the federal body coordinating trials.

Patrick Merat, vice-president of scientific affairs for Bristol-Myers Squibb, agreed, although he said he could not put a figure how much the company was spending on drugs for clinical trials.

"It's very expensive," he said.

Patterson said research companies often refuse to produce more

drugs because they are more interested in researching profitable drugs than they are concerned about widespread health care.

"It's entirely profit-driven thing," he said. "The human element is totally removed."

Research companies often refuse to produce more drugs because they are more interested in profit than in accessible health care.

Shielder ran into the problem of drug access when he found the drug he was getting in the trial wasn't working. He wanted to try a newer experimental drug called BRG, but doctors told him it wasn't available.

"I wanted to try it, they just said no. But if my (T-cell) count drops any lower, there won't be anything left to try."

Even though Canada has an emergency drug plan that approves untested drugs for people who don't respond to regular treatments, the plan doesn't cover the cost of producing the drug.

Although the federal government spends \$3 million a year on the HIV Trials Network, the trials themselves each cost about \$1 million per year to run, Zarowny said. The cost is paid by the pharmaceutical companies.

This gives companies ultimate control over what experimental

drugs are available. And activists say companies are using this control to force people into trials of any chemical they want to test.

"Compassionate arms" needed

Activists are demanding that the federal government require that every clinical trial have a fully funded "compassionate arm," which would guarantee people access to the experimental drug if they didn't want to participate in the trial.

Many trials don't have a "compassionate arm" because the company won't pay to produce the drug, Smith said.

And the arms that do exist are limited to people who meet stringent entry criteria. In the AZT/ddI trial, for example, the participants' immune systems must be severely depleted — or they must be intolerant of AZT — before they're allowed into the arm.

In the Toronto section of the test, only two of a group of 30 have been put on the "compassionate arm."

"It's not an open arm at all," Smith says. "You can't get into the arm unless you've already tried the trial. You can't just opt for the drug."

Companies and researchers also fear that if they did provide wide-open arms, every participant would opt for the arm, leaving no one in the clinical trial.

"If you do that, no one might

come forward for the testings," said Zarowny.

Most researchers insist on double-blind trials as the only way to gather accurate data.

They argue that people who know what drug they're getting can influence the effect of the drug and skew test results.

And even if companies could afford to give everyone new experimental drugs and monitor them, they wouldn't come up with usable data because the drug administration process wouldn't be adequately organized, said Miriam Bast, the researcher running the Toronto section of the AZT/ddI trial.

"We could treat all those people under a compassionate arm, but what would we learn? I can tell you that most of the stuff we learn from compassionate arms is trash."

These arguments anger activists, who say people with AIDS or HIV are just as interested in doing research with clinical trials, but only if the drug is freely available, leaving them the choice of whether to participate.

"If people are given a choice, they will volunteer," Smith said. "If the trial is conducted with input from them and there is an adequate compassionate arm, the research is in their best interests."

He points to the success of community-based trials in Vancouver and Toronto as examples of open-arm trials where volunteers still came forward.

The Toronto trial was developed in consultation with people with AIDS and HIV. During its two months duration the trials drew over 150 volunteers.

Volunteer trials necessary

Some researchers agree that volunteerism is the only way to go. Phillip Berger, a Toronto doctor who treats people with AIDS and HIV, described a scene at a conference on clinical trials in 1988.

"An HIV-positive man raised his fist in the air and said, 'We can stop any clinical trial.' There's just no way any trial can work without the cooperation of the patients."

Forcing people into trials to get treatment can actually endanger the quality of the research, said Glen Brown, co-chair of AIDS Action Now!. Patients might "unblind" the trial by finding out what drug they're on, and drop out if they find they're getting the placebo or the known drug. They might alter the results by trying other forms of treatment on the side.

Though access to experimental drugs is still almost entirely in the hands of pharmaceutical companies, AAN! and other groups have had some success in starting a discussion, Brown said.

"There seems to be a bit more dialogue between researchers and patients," he said. "But a lot of that has come because of political pressure. I think we're going to have to keep an activist stance to ensure this keeps up."

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the early 80s. For example, in April 1979, a Palestinian guerilla raid on the town of Nayariya, located in the north of Israel, resulted in the death of a 28 year old Israeli and his two daughters, aged 2 and 4. On April 18, 1980, a settlement directly below the Lebanese border called Misgav Ha'am, was victimized by Palestinian terrorists, who, in the middle of the night, crossed the border into Israel and proceeded to take the children's sleeping quarters at Misgav Ha'am hostage. By the end of the ordeal, 3 Israelis had died, including a 2 and 1/2 year old boy. One PLO official was even quoted as saying, "We think if we can hold on and create havoc for two more years, then Camp David will fall apart." (Newsweek, May 7/79). It is under these circumstances that Israel created a 20 km buffer zone in Southern Lebanon in which they hope to catch terrorists before they cause havoc and death in Israel. With the safety of the citizens in Northern Israel in mind, the Israeli presence in Southern Lebanon continues today.

Erika Rubin
U1 Chemistry



Hate literature

To the Daily:

At 7 p.m. on October 15, two men from the *Commerce Communiqué*, a newsletter published by the Faculty of Management, came to deliver a letter of apology to the Women's Union for misogynistic, racist and homophobic statements in October's *Communiqué*.

We at the Women's Union have grave concerns about both the original statements and the manner in which the apology was presented. The letter to us read, in part: "However, there are degrees of sensitivity and we realize that to a certain number of people (the paper) was totally unacceptable... we assume that the comments would not be taken at face value, but we also must agree that before making such assumptions we must analyse from all angles."

(Daily readers should keep in mind that the contents of the *Communiqué* which might offend "a certain number of people" with higher "degrees of sensitivity" include advice to perform a circumcision by kicking a woman in the teeth — addressed to "Semetic" — and a helpful suggestion to a woman who wishes to attract men to do so by putting her ankles behind her ears).

Any "apology" which becomes a self-serving justification ("we're not really to blame, honest") does not strike us as particularly valid or meaningful. We expect more from people who have demonstrated the intelligence to gain entrance to university.

We would like to reiterate that even a sincere apology is only a starting step in a process. McGill-affiliated groups which distribute or publish hate literature are contributing to the dangers faced by members of the groups which they attack. If such groups sincerely wish to redress their errors, then, it follows that they must make concrete restitution through the following steps:

1. Full and public apology to McGill

community.

2. Drafting and implementation of a new policy to ensure that such incidents never again occur.

3. A form of concrete amelioration, undertaken with the approval of both involved groups and those campus groups that have been the targets of hate literature, to be funded and implemented by the offenders.

A few examples we might suggest: a substantial donation to a women's shelter, rape crisis center or AIDS hospice, or to a group on campus (the Walk Safe Network, Black Students' Network, Women's Union, or Lesbians, Bisexuals and Gays of McGill, to name a few) that works to ameliorate conditions for groups historically discriminated against; an equivalent donation of time, resources, or material to help such a group, according to their needs.

Let us remind these groups that it is not our job but their responsibility to stop this oppression. There are plenty of good books that can point out how harmful the Management community's little joke is when analysed from the "angle" of anyone concerned with ending oppression.

Members of the
McGill Women's Union
Carellin Brooks, S. N. Begalel,
Rachel Rose, Colleen Wiegiers,
Salimah Kassim-Lakha,
Rebecca A. Levi, Sara Borins

Bly and Thorsell beating white male drums

To the Daily:

I really have to disagree with Greg Alton's letter about the *Daily's* opinion piece on Robert Bly. To me, the piece made an intelligent point. We often forget that the race-based equivalent of sexism is white supremacy. Bly is, without doubt, a phallogocentric male supremacist; he and William Thorsell seem to scorn women-based solutions for any social problem. They believe men have the ultimate duty to solve all the world's problems, and caused them in the first place. In short, they deprive women of a voice.

It may seem perfectly innocuous to Greg Alton, but to me and many women I am thankful the *Daily* has made the analogy with the KKK's vision for white people. Any writer who in the same breath champions "new insights into masculinity" and denounces "opaque feminists" — as does *Globe* editor William Thorsell — might as well have a white robe in his closet as far as I am concerned.

There is in any case even more direct evidence that Bly is close at heart to the KKK. How else would you explain his little bands of white middle-class suburbanites tromping off into the forest to beat on a drum under the instruction of a black man or an Indian man. (That's really what Bly's followers do!) As a black woman, I find the whole phenomenon extremely troubling.

Jana Barrett
U1 Education



Profs need timetable advice

To the Daily:

Shirley Cahn seems to be of the opinion ("Read the timetable", October 15, 1991) that were I to read the McGill timetable booklet, my troubles would be over. While I would like to thank her for pointing out that university policy does make allowances for the time necessary to get from class to class, it should be noted that if this policy was enforced, I would not have written to the *Daily* in the first place.

I will not dispute that all classes are supposed to last 50 minutes unless otherwise specified, however, my 8:30 class still runs until 9:28; my 9:30 class which is usually in progress when I dash in a 9:34, continues until 10:29, and my 11:30 class goes from 11:32 to 12:27.

Perhaps, Ms Cahn should direct her advice to the professors of this university, rather than to the students.

Ellen V. Lackman
U1 Russian and Political
Science

Daily promotes censorship

To the Daily:

I have several reasons to believe that the *Daily* promotes censorship across the McGill campus. For one thing, *Looking Up*, the "glossy rag" that was described as taking advertising dollars away from student newspapers has every right to call itself "Canada's Campus Voice" if it sees itself that way, whether you or I or the Student's Society agrees or not.

Furthermore, in your editorial you stated that "banning free distribution of this magazine is not censorship." What would you call it then? Webster's New World Dictionary defines the term censor as "any official with the power to examine literature, mail, etc. and remove or prohibit anything considered obscene, objectionable, etc." Who gave you the power to tell any one what they should read?

And while we are on the subject, the discontinuation of the October issue of the *Commerce Communiqué* is an infringement upon my constitutional rights — Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, Sect. 2b in Fundamental Freedoms: "freedom of thought, belief, opinion and expression including freedom of the press and other media of communications." Even though I too was offended at some of the statements in the magazine, no one was forcing me to read it. Also the statement from Daron Westman that called the magazine "hate literature" is ludicrous; is it really the literature that "hates" or the people who write it?

What's more is that your newspaper gave no coverage to any opinions which might be in favor of the *Communiqué*. Why weren't any management students asked what they thought of the

publication? After all it was intended for them. This is unfair journalism.

We should not forget that freedom of the speech and press is a constitutional right and everyone is entitled to express their opinions in whatever way they see fit, as long as it is not physically harming someone else. As Voltaire has said, "I disapprove of what you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it."

April Cohen
U1 Management

Galom Changes Name

To the Daily:

We are pleased to announce that following a vote on Tuesday October 15, GALOM has officially changed its name to: "The Lesbians, Bisexuals, and Gays of McGill" — LBGM. This move was undertaken to express the changing nature of LBGM as an organization.

Firstly, the name change places Lesbians first. This reflects LBGM's commitment to specifically representing Lesbians at McGill. For many years GALOM was a very male dominated group. This unfortunate aspect of our past is being radically changed this year.

The new name also includes bisexuals. Bisexuals are not included under the rubric Lesbian and Gay and, their interests are unique. Up until this point, bisexuals did not have a group which actively advocated their special interests. LBGM will now proudly assume that role.

Although we had gotten used to hearing the name GALOM, times have changed. Our group had outgrown its old name, and found it necessary to create a new name which more accurately reflected the scope of our current activities and membership.

Charles Weijer
U3 Honours Philosophy
Coordinator, LBGM

More Bad Guys

To the Daily:

re: Student Finance Committee recommendations to cut South Africa Committee's budget. (McGill *Daily*, Monday Oct. 21)

I agree that the SSMU should not become apolitical. I also agree that the problems in South Africa are not over and thus we need to keep advised of the situations in making policy.

But the international sanction of South Africa has always been hypocritical, and only more so as South Africa attempts to reform.

The Commonwealth includes some of the most repressive regimes in the world. So it was no surprise at its meeting last week in Zimbabwe that Canada's proposal to monitor human rights within member countries was resisted by African leaders such as Robert Mugabe

and Daniel Arap-Moi. Their reaction to human rights and democracy was the familiar cry that the outside world must "respect national circumstances."

If these people do not recognize the universality of human rights, by what moral authority then, do they lambast South Africa, whose "tribal mix" of Anglos, Boers, Zulus, Xhosa, Indians, Malay, coloured (and so on) has as much recourse to "national circumstance" as anyplace else?

The point is that the more these African despots can concentrate the world on South Africa, the less we will notice, what is in many cases, a worse situation in their own countries.

The SSMU needs advising, but by a group with global concerns such as Amnesty International, because the Boers sure aren't the only bad guys out there.

Ian Cosh
U2 Arts

Liberal pulp up the ass

To the Daily:

The three *Daily* commandments are thou shalt not be racist, thou shalt not be sexist, and thou shalt not be homophobic. If you believe in free speech then welcome to the McGill *Daily*, where any letter deemed racist, sexist, or homophobic will not be published. If students pay for this paper then why shouldn't they be allowed to express their racist, sexist, or homophobic views.

Patronizing editors at this Liberal pulp you call a paper are controlling the news meant to be *pro bono publica*. Censorship become the *modus operandi* of the *Daily* and students are rebelling by leaving your copies unread. If you are a student paper then print news that expresses views that represent the diversity of the student population whether it be racist, sexist, or homophobic. Freedom of speech is an essential element in any, modern democratic society, and we live in one the last time we checked.

So why all this fuss over some joke published in poor taste? What do the editors have to apologize for? They obviously have little belief in free speech themselves. With all the recent hoopla about Gays and Lesbians coming out of the closet, can't they at least take a little friendly prodding? It's not as if hate literature against them was printed.

Personally we think the entire issue is rather amusing. We put up with the 9 pages in the handbook on how to enjoy a good dick up the ass. We are fed up with having such large doses of liberal values shoved down our throats.

Ngana Andrew-Mziray
U2 Economics
Josh Abiscott
U2 Physiology

Ed. note: Chris Barrigar, your latest letter is also too long. Come to Union B-03 and shorten them to 300 words.



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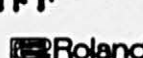
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Police tactics under scrutiny at François inquiry

Inquest reveals police lost crucial recommendations

by Catherine Jheon

The coroner's inquest into the shooting-death of Marcellus François has revealed a series of astonishing errors by Montréal police members.

But black community groups have criticized the inquest because its power is limited to recommendations for the province's justice ministry.

"The inquest is a farce. The police would shoot anyone black, it would be an extra nigger out of their way," said Althie Roberts, a member of the local black youth group AKA-X (Also Known As X).

The inquest resumed this week after a brief intermission. It revealed Monday that a list of recommendations to improve safety of police surveillance operations had been lost for over three months.

Incredibly, the recommendations were prepared only two days after the July shooting by the same members of the surveillance team that shot François.

"This just proves that the police have absolutely no respect for black people," said Roberts.

François was shot by police July 3 in Old Montréal while sitting in his car. Police were conducting a

routine surveillance operation.

Previous proceedings revealed that Montréal police mistakenly confirmed François for Kirk Haywood, a suspect for attempted murder.

In the search for Haywood, police were working from a "photocopy of a fax of an outdated photo of Haywood." Police mistakenly identified François for Haywood who has long braids "like the Rastafarians." François, in fact, had short-cropped hair.

"The whites are simpletons. To them all blacks look alike and their excuse of mistaken identity is rubbish," said Roberts.

Sgt. Pierre Sasserville, in charge of the surveillance operation that led to François' death, admitted that the photocopied picture of Haywood did not look at all like the color mug shot in police files.

The inquest also brought up police constables' use of the terms "nègre" and "tam-tam" during the operation. The police constables on duty the night of the shooting said they personally found nothing offensive with the terms but they would not use them around blacks.

Immediately after the shooting, Montréal black community groups called for charges to be laid against

the offending constables. They also called for a study of relations between police and ethnic groups.

Québec Premier Robert Bourassa responded by saying that

the province's justice system wasn't racist.

"The fact of the matter is that they shot an innocent man dead. They should be charged with murder. Sorry is not good enough," said Roberts.

The inquest, which has heard 23 witnesses over nine days of testimony, continues this week.



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Military stalling on gay and lesbian reforms

by Dani Colt

Canadian lesbians and gays are questioning whether discriminatory recruitment policies in the Canadian Armed Forces will actually be revoked.

A leak to the press earlier this month suggested the Canadian military would change its current policy against gays and lesbians.

But Canada's ministry of defence has denied that any change is in the works.

"There has been no decision and no announcement," said military spokesperson Captain Darlene Blakeney. "A Canadian Forces review has been undertaken, but it has not been made public."

"The military has little choice but to change its discriminatory policies towards gays and lesbians," said Chris Wood, of Lesbians, Bisexuals and Gays of McGill.

"Discriminatory policies have been on the books for such a long time, they are hard to turn over," he said.

"But the military can't afford to continue on like this."

Nicole Laviolette, spokesperson for NDP member of parliament Svend Robinson, said several cases invoking the Canadian Charter of Rights have placed considerable pressure for reform in the military. Robinson is the only declared gay federal MP.

"The pending of five Supreme Court cases has played a primary role in the military's reconsidera-

tion of policy change," said Laviolette.

Laviolette said the military was advised by the government that it would most likely lose the cases.

Members of the Canadian media intercepted a confidential Pentagon memo suggesting the Canadian military might end discriminatory policies.

But Laviolette said opposition from Tory MP's may stall reforms to the military policy.

"This policy will not change as long as the government backs down from taking stands against discrimination every time a backbencher expresses homophobic views," Laviolette said.

She said the government prefers to take the issue through lengthy court battles rather than making a direct change in policy. Taxpayers have been forced to foot these court proceedings bills, she added.

Military officials actively discriminate against lesbian and gays enlisted in the military. Recruitment centres discourage "out of the closet" lesbians and gays from joining up. In addition, gay and lesbian soldiers are often investigated by military intelligence and receive no further training or promotions.

"The military's logic for this policy," said Wood, "is that if you are gay, you have something to hide, which would be perfect blackmail material for the enemy."

"People will eventually have to deal with gays and lesbians in the military," said Wood.

Columbus debunking gathers wind

by Mark Antaki

Solidarity groups are organizing to support First Nations peoples as the 500th birthday of the "discovery" of the Americas approaches.

"It is not the time for celebration," said Stéphane Corriveau, of the Regroupement de Solidarité Avec les Autochtones.

"It's the time to get serious and work for harmonious relations with the native peoples," said Corriveau.

The Regroupement is part of a Montréal-wide coalition of groups which wants to shed light on what has been and still is a history of oppression against First Nations peoples in the Americas.

Various countries including Canada are spending millions of dollars on festivities in January 1992 to celebrate the European colonization of the Americas.

Said Corriveau, "People have to get involved in the demonstrations to show the government that they have not been duped — that they are not blind to what is going on."

The two-year-old Coalition Montréal 92 was created to "denounce the so-called discovery of the Americas," according to one

coalition member. The group also wants to support First Nations peoples by organizing events and demonstrations to expose the truth behind the "official history" of our continent.

First Nations peoples across the Americas have brutally suffered under colonization, the Coalition says in a recent report. The discovery of their lands brought them "death, forced labour and the theft of their territories," the Coalition says.

What is now called America was

the U.S. fell to under 300 000 by the mid-1800s.

Helen Rasmussen, of l'Institut Interculturel de Montréal, said, "we still haven't dealt with the native peoples, nation-to-nation."

White society's relationship with the First Nations is "based on fundamental injustice," she said.

Ariel Deluy, of local black youth group AKA-X, added another dimension to the official Columbus celebrations, saying that the colonization of the Americas also "murdered a lot of black people."

Deluy estimated that over 100 million blacks died during the colonization. "This holocaust of black people must also be remembered."

AKA-X is planning a Black History March on November 10, at the end of which the group will hold a rally about Columbus.

Coalition Montréal 92 will put out their schedule of events in November. Their first publicity stunt was the symbolic changing of the name of Avenue Christophe Colomb to that of Avenue des Premières-Nations.

The Coalition's phone number is 843-5092 and members invite all those interested to get involved.

